

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C1-01-927

Promulgation of Amendments to the
Minnesota Rules of Guardian Ad Litem Procedure
and Guardian Ad Litem-Related Rules of Procedure

O R D E R

WHEREAS, in its Final Report dated February 6, 2004, the Supreme Court Juvenile Protection Rules Committee recommended certain amendments to the Minnesota Rules of Guardian Ad Litem Procedure, the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure, the Minnesota General Rules of Practice—Rules Governing Civil Actions, the Minnesota General Rules of Practice—Rules of Family Court Procedure, the Minnesota Juvenile Delinquency Rules, and the Minnesota Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure; and

WHEREAS, by order dated April 20, 2004, this Court invited public comments on the Committee's recommendations by June 7, 2004, and set a public hearing date of June 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Court held a public hearing on June 15, 2004, regarding the Committee's Final Report and proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Court reviewed the proposed amendments and all public comments received, and is fully advised in the premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Minnesota Rules of Guardian Ad Litem Procedure shall henceforth be referred to as the Minnesota Rules of Guardian Ad Litem Procedure in Juvenile and Family Court.

2. The attached amendments to the Minnesota Rules of Guardian Ad Litem Procedure in Juvenile and Family Court, the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure, the Minnesota General Rules of Practice—Rules Governing Civil Actions, the Minnesota General Rules of Practice—Rules of Family Court Procedure, the Minnesota Juvenile Delinquency Rules, and the Minnesota Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure are prescribed and promulgated for the regulation of practice and procedure in the appointment of guardians ad litem in juvenile and family courts in the State of Minnesota.

3. The attached amendments shall govern all actions in which a guardian ad litem is appointed in Minnesota's juvenile and family courts after 12 o'clock midnight January 1, 2005.

4. The inclusion and amendment of Committee comments is made for convenience and does not reflect Court approval of the comments made therein.

DATED: September __, 2004

BY THE COURT:

Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice